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Kevin Ball named dean of OU's School of Health Sciences

Oakland University has appointed Kevin Arthur Ball, Ph.D, as dean of the School of Health Sciences effective August 15, 2016.

Presently, Dr. Ball serves as associate dean for research and community at the University of Hartford's College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions in West Hartford, Connecticut. In this capacity, he provides academic leadership, research mentorship and administrative support for 23 undergraduate to doctoral level programs.

Dr. Ball has also led the development of and managed the university's Institute for Translational Research; three content centers inclusive of health, education, and leadership interests; an annual seed and sprout grant competition; and a research advisory council providing faculty peer-review and mentorship.

"Kevin Arthur Ball's professional accomplishments demonstrate a passion for delivering high-quality, interdisciplinary instruction both in the classroom and in the lab," said Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost James P. Lentini.

"With more than 100 scholarly publications and presentations in topic areas that complement SHS research initiatives – not to mention cumulative research grant funding of more than \$800,000 – he also brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will guide the School of Health Sciences into its next era of regional, national and global distinction."

Dr. Ball holds a doctorate in community health (biomechanics), a master of science in exercise science, and a bachelor of physical and health education, all from the University of Toronto.

In addition to his current role at the University of Hartford, he has held the academic leadership positions of associate dean for graduate studies and research, and academic director for the Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics program. Prior to this, he held academic positions at the University of Buffalo; New York Chiropractic College; Ithaca College in New York, McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario; and the University of Toronto.

Dr. Ball has chaired and or served on numerous academic and administrative planning committees that have focused on topics ranging from strategic planning and leadership searches to academic program review and information technology utilization. He has also contributed to numerous community partnerships promoting STEM education.

Attracted to Oakland as a result of its commitment to quality education, research and community engagement, Dr. Ball says he plans to pursue his new appointment with energy, integrity, passion, openness, flexibility and an abiding sense of humor.



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